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Dear CPME members,

I am pleased to share with you the latest edition of the CPME Monthly Bulletin, also taking the opportunity to wish you a good and healthy start to the New Year.

With this edition, you will be informed about the main decisions taken by the new members of the [Executive Committee](#) on 09 and 10 January 2019. The items discussed included the CPME strategy for the next three years, i.e. the lobbying priorities, the future involvement in the organisation of 'One Health' workshops and the dissemination of the ECDC survey of healthcare workers knowledge and attitudes about antibiotics and antibiotic resistance.

Furthermore, I would like to inform you that the CPME [Health Check 2019](#) prepared ahead of the upcoming European elections is available on our website. The Secretariat is also pleased to share with you hard copies of the health check and encourages you to consult it with your national MEP candidates.

Kind regards,  
Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery  
CPME President

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## Executive Committee strategy meeting - 9 January 2019

On 1 January 2019 the new Executive Committee (EC) started its term. In a strategy meeting 9 January 2019, the EC discussed the political and organizational outlook for this term.

### Lobbying priorities for the first half of EC mandate

The EC ranked all policies within four clusters: Professional practice and patients` rights, E-health, Public health and disease prevention, Pharmaceuticals and healthcare products. The policies within these clusters were classified as 'active dossiers', 'passive monitoring' and 'silent dossiers'. Policies ranked under 'passive monitoring' are only served if there is capacity, as 'active dossiers' are priority dossiers. Members are updated on 'passive monitoring' dossiers when appropriate in the Monthly Bulletin and working group mailings. When classified as 'silent dossiers' all activities are suspended.

The EC is of the opinion that the four Vice-Presidents should have a more prominent role in supervising CPME policies as outlined in Art. 11 of the Rules of Procedures by constituting a bridge between Rapporteurs and Working Groups Chairs. All policies are grouped into four clusters to which a supervisory responsibility is assigned as follows:

- [E-health](#): Dr Ray Walley
- [Pharmaceuticals and healthcare products](#): Dr Christiaan Keijzer
- [Professional practice and patients` rights](#): Dr Daiva Brogiene
- [Public health and disease prevention](#): Dr Ole Johan Bakke

Matters related to the general [EU political outlook](#) are supervised by the Executive Committee.

### CPME rapporteurs and working group chairs

The EC kindly invites all CPME Members to express their interest in playing an active role within CPME. Current Rapporteurs and Working Groups Chairs are considered to continue. Please note that all expressions of interest which are also possible on spot will be submitted to the Board during the CPME meeting in Valletta, Malta in April 2019. Please, [find here](#) the letter sent on Tuesday 29.01.2019 to the CPME members.

Moreover, the Executive Committee:

- Received the expression of interest by Dr de Haller and Prof. Dr Montgomery as rapporteur and co-rapporteur on the 'health system, European Semester, financing and tax policy and health inequalities' policy.
- Received the expression of interest by Dr de Haller as rapporteur on 'Collaborative practice/Skill mix, health workforce, working time' policy.
- Decided to include 'artificial intelligence' in the eHealth Working Group. An expert on artificial intelligence should be found.

## CPME mission and vision

The Executive Committee members took note of the current CPME [mission and vision statements](#) and considered that there is no need to revise them for the time being.

## CPME ambassadorship program

The Executive Committee took note of the ambassadorship programme and decided that new interaction strategies with members will be explored in the coming months instead. Further discussion on this will take place in March 2019 on the occasion of the next EC meeting in Brussels.

## Executive Committee meeting - 10 January 2019

### Internal affairs

#### Regional 'One Health' workshops

*The Executive Committee decided to continue with the regional One Health workshops co-organised together with the Council of European Dentists ([CED](#)) and the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe ([FVE](#)), pending the leading role of FVE in preparing background documents, providing contents and the students are more involved in logistics. It was also decided to include the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union ([PGEU](#)) and pharmacy students into the organisation of the next regional workshops.*

Professional and student organisations representing the Medical Doctors, the Dentists, the Veterinarians and their students sent a [joint letter](#) in May 2017 to the Deans of medical, dental and veterinary schools across Europe inviting them to work collaboratively under the 'One Health' concept to tackle current and future challenges for the three professions and our society. The letter calls upon the Deans to undertake concrete initiatives to implement a common education of medical, dental and veterinary students, by implementing One Health education in the curricula.

The joint letter was the basis for the organisation of a pilot regional One Health workshop, bringing together representatives from the academic field, health professions, students, policy-makers and regulators. The pilot workshop was addressed to Benelux countries and France and was held on the 5th of December in Paris hosted by and with support of CNOM. Please find here the outcomes of the event and the press release [here](#).

## Policies

### **PACT Draft Statement on the Future of Health in the European Union**

*The Executive Committee decided to not endorse the PACT Draft Statement on the Future of Health in the European Union, as CPME is focusing on the dissemination of the [CPME Health Check 2019](#).*

In the context of the upcoming European Elections, the Patient Access Partnership ([PACT](#)) is drafting a statement on the Future of Health in the European Union to be used before, during and after the EU parliamentary elections. The document will be shared with PACT Partners and the Members of the European Parliament with a request for endorsement (logos of organizations / signatures from MEPs) before the European Parliament event in Brussels (February 2019).

The Patient Access Partnership is a patient-led multi-stakeholder network which brings together patients, public health community, industry and the European and member states policy makers and institutions, to develop and move forward on innovative solutions to reduce inequities in access to quality healthcare in the European Union. CPME is a partner of PACT, but it was decided to keep only a monitoring role.

### **Survey of healthcare workers knowledge and attitudes about antibiotics and antibiotic resistance**

*The Executive Committee decided to proceed with the dissemination of the ECDC draft survey of healthcare workers knowledge and attitudes about antibiotics and antibiotic resistance. The Secretariat will ask CPME members to forward the survey to their doctors at national level. The survey will be available in all MS languages.*

As a member of the Project Advisory Group (PAG), the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ([ECDC](#)) invited CPME to support the development of a survey of healthcare workers' knowledge and attitudes about antibiotics and antibiotic resistance. This survey will cover all EU Member States, Norway and Iceland, and include, if possible, a representative number of replies for each country. Targets of the survey are the core health professions: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and allied health professions such as pharmacy technicians, physiotherapists and biomedical scientists. The overall objectives of the study for ECDC are 1) to fill in gaps in terms of evaluation of communication campaigns targeting healthcare workers, and 2) to gain a better understanding of their knowledge and perceptions to provide a base to support future needs in terms of policy and education changes.

The final survey, translated in all EU official languages, will be disseminated at the end of January 2019.

### **Joint Statement on stimulating fresh fruit & vegetable consumption**

*While recognising the relevance of the topic and the good quality of the document, the Executive Committee decided to not endorse the [joint statement](#) initiated by [FRESHFEL Europe](#), the European Fresh Produce Association.*

Freshfel Europe is the forum for the fresh fruit and vegetable supply chain in Europe and beyond. It is the single representative association of the sector at EU level. The joint statement outlines a variety of recommendations on how to stimulate fresh fruit and vegetable consumption with accompanying best practices under economic, social, environmental, communication and cooperative action areas.

It comprises of two parts, a framing paper contextualising current fresh fruit and vegetable consumption levels in Europe and a recommendation paper outlining 44 points of action with accompanying best practices to stimulate fresh fruit and vegetable consumption.

#### **Healthcare Information for All**

*The Executive Committee decided to not continue supporting the “Healthcare Information For All ([HIFA](#))”.*

HIFA is a global social movement to improve the availability and use of healthcare information in low- and middle-income countries. It has more than 18,000 members (health workers, librarians, publishers, researchers, policymakers) committed to the progressive realisation of a world where every person has access to the healthcare information they need to protect their own health and the health of others. CPME was listed as a non-financial supporting organisation since 2009 but never received any updates after joining the movement. CPME has no control over and access to the content of HIFA.

#### **Self-care Initiative Europe (SCiE)**

*The Executive Committee decided to not participate in the future Self-care Initiative Europe ([SCiE](#)) organisation, if the observer status cannot be maintained.*

The main driving organisations of SCiE have suggested moving the initiative to the next level of governance and organisation, including GA, Board and Executive Committee. Therefore, participation would cause a notable amount of work for the rapporteur and the secretariat. Membership fees can also be introduced. Moreover, the initiative will be open for economic actors. However, the Executive Committee recognised that it is useful for CPME to continue following the discussion on self-care.

#### **Digital Single Market Initiatives**

*The Executive Committee took note of the [Digital Single Market Initiatives](#).*

The summary report has two parts. The first part presents the initiatives of particular CPME interest. Among them, the application of Artificial Intelligence in healthcare – as a priority policy area within ehealth – is explained in detail, followed by the initiatives on the Electronic Health Records exchange format, Million European Genoms Alliance and Telemedicine. The second part outlines general activities within Digital Single Market.

#### **International calendar**

*The Executive Committee reviewed the CPME participation at forthcoming meetings of CPME members, European Medical Organisations and international partners.*

## Monitoring news

### CEN approves European standard for digital patient summary

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) approved the European Standard for Patient Summaries for unplanned, cross-border care. The standard takes the [European Guidelines on cross-border care](#), as adopted by the European eHealth Network, as a starting point. These guidelines emerged from the EU-funded [epSOS large scale pilot](#). They form the basis for the [eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure](#) in Europe that is currently coming into operation.

To facilitate the adoption of a common format for the Patient Summary across Member States, the European Commission enabled CEN to create this standard and its companion implementation guidance, by means of the CEN [International Patient Summary \(IPS\) project](#).

More information can be found [here](#)

### European Commission announces four new Thematic Networks for 2019 on the EU Health Policy Platform

The European Commission has announced the opening of four new Thematic Networks for 2019 on the EU Health Policy Platform (EU HPP). The EU HPP is an interactive tool to hold discussions about public health concerns, share knowledge and best practices. The Platform invites all participants to exchange with each other, pool expertise in joint statements and disseminate actions among a wide audience.

Stakeholders have expressed support for the following proposals for 2019:

- **Improving access to healthcare for vulnerable and underserved groups** by No Body Left Outside Platform (NLO)
- **Improving INtegrated people-centered Solutions Health Care Solutions** (INCASO) by Mattone Internazionale Salute Programme (ProMIS);
- **Improving Organ Donation and Transplantation in the EU** by the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)
- **Healthcare in cross-border regions by the European Regional and Local Health Authorities** (EUREGHA)

New Thematic Networks will be created early February 2019 and the Thematic Network leaders will then kick off the production of their Joint Statement. More information available [here](#).

### Final report - 4th Conference on European Reference Networks “ERN” (21-22 November 2018)

The event highlighted progress in establishing the networks and discussed challenges and opportunities that lie ahead as the ERNs develop. The networks now connect 900 healthcare units in 313 hospitals across 26 countries. More than 250 patients have directly benefited from virtual consultations by the network and this number is expected to grow.

The conference focused on the need to consolidate the networks. One of the priorities for 2019 is the integration of ERNs into national health systems.

More information can be found [here](#)

## Healthy Workplaces campaign : get your colleagues engaged with the campaign by sharing videos and visual material

“Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances” campaign recommends reaching out and engaging more people with the campaign to raise awareness of the risks related to dangerous substances. Audiovisual material is a good way to get the message.

More info available [here](#).

## Report on the transparency of relationships in the healthcare sector

Mental Health Europe (MHE) released its [Shedding Light report](#) on transparent relations in healthcare. This report looks at the links between the health industry and the medical community and its impact on public health, users of mental health services and patients. The report also provides a set of recommendations on how to make collaboration between the pharmaceutical industry, healthcare professionals and healthcare organisations more transparent at the European level. In 2018, CPME took part in the Stakeholder Advisory Committee of this project led by MHE in order to provide the perspective of the medical profession. The final report was launched in the European Parliament on 23 January 2019.

## CPME news and publications

### CEmPaC Conference on Transforming the Medical Model

CEmPaC - the Centre for Empowering People and Communities – will organise its first international symposium in Berlin on 16 May 2019. The event will explore the theme “Transforming the medical model”. CEmPaC project aims to support patients and NGOs, health care providers, insurers and government agencies in the design, implementation and evaluation of patient empowerment approaches. CPME is a member of the CEmPaC board. Please find the conference programme [here](#).

### Recent publications on the CPME website

Members’ section:

[Report of the First Meeting of EFSA Stakeholder Forum – Parma, 30-31 May 2017](#)

[CPME Monthly Bulletin – December 2018](#)

[Report on 2nd Meeting of European Food Safety Authority \(EFSA\) Stakeholder Forum, Brussels, 20 November 2018](#)

[Report on The Smoke Free Partnership \(SFP\) Coalition Meeting, Brussels, 12 December 2018](#)

[Report on the European Commission initiatives on Digital Single Market, December 2018](#)

CPME News section:

[European Medical Organisations’ Statement on Supporting Vaccination](#)

[CPME condemns the Turkish doctor leaders’ prison sentences](#)



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## SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 08:00–09:30

### BREXIT: THE IMPACT ON HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN THE EU27

Moderated by **MEP Julie WARD** (S&D, UK)  
Hosted by:  
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